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TITLE OF INVENTION HEAT-TREATMENT APPARATUS FOR STEEL PLATE AND MANUFACTURING LINE OF STEEL PLATE HAVING THE HEAT-TREATMENT APPARATUS		
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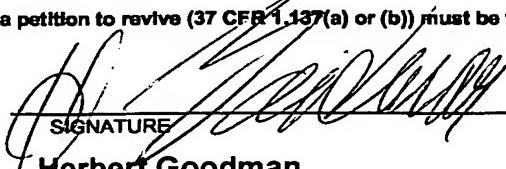
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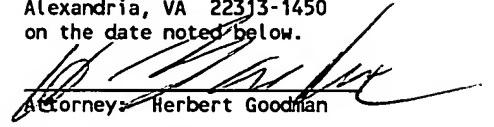
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